

## CHAPTER 779

(House Bill 1460)

## AN ACT concerning

Sewage Sludge Management

FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt rules and regulations for sewage sludge management; requiring the Department of Agriculture to approve certain rules and regulations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to notify county and municipal officials before the land application of sludge and to hold a public hearing or public information meeting under certain circumstances; creating a State sewage sludge utilization fund; establishing a limit on the amount of money to be collected in the fund; providing for use of the fund; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to assess and collect certain fees; requiring a person to hold a sewage sludge utilization permit before that person may utilize sludge; establishing permit requirements; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to send a copy of the permit application to the affected county and municipality and under certain circumstances to an adjacent county; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to maintain a permanent public record of sewage sludge utilizations permits; allowing for the inspection of any site where sewage sludge is utilized; allowing the ~~county--health-officer~~ local health official to issue a stop work order or seek injunctive relief under certain circumstances; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to delegate inspection, monitoring, and enforcement power to the ~~county-health officer~~ local health official; providing that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may suspend, revoke, or modify a sewage sludge utilization permit under certain circumstances; providing certain penalties and injunctive powers; allowing certain persons to sue and have standing to contest certain actions under this Act; and generally relating to sewage sludge management.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - Environmental  
Section 1-101(a) and (f) and, 9-201(a), and 9-212(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - Environmental